

CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE:

Presentation by the Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission

Regarding Honoring Teens program.

MEETING DATE:

January 15, 2003

PREPARED BY:

Community Center Coordinator

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Presentation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission, in conjunction with the Lodi Sunrise Rotary Club, Lodi Academy and Central Valley Waste Services is sponsoring a program entitled **Honoring Teens**. The Lodi Youth Commission Leadership Committee selects one teen to be awarded **Teen of the Month** from the applications submitted to the commission from the general public, various schools, and church groups. This month's **Teen of the Month** is Poline Chhun is from Bear Creek High School.

FUNDING:

None Required.

Yvette Maragliano

Community Center Coordinator

APPROVED:

- Dizon Flynn -- City Manager

Bio for City Council

January Teen of the Month

Poline is an excellent student with a 3.7 grade point average. She is also a member of student government and works very hard on all the different student sponsored activities. She is a wonderful role model not only for the other students but also for everyone she comes in contact with. She is one of the few survivors of a large family that came to the United States from Southeast Asia. When many people would use such a past as an excuse not to be successful, she uses it as a reason to succeed.

Greater Lodi Area Youth Commission Announcements

- The 8th Annual Youth Conference is February 28 of 2003. It will be an Interactive Career Day "Think Beyond Now" with Michael Pritchard as the opening and closing keynote speaker, with fourteen workshops by volunteer presenters. The registration brochures are available at the high schools now through February 12th.
- The commission is organizing a new event for Friday, April 18th of 2003 entitled..."Speak For Youth". This event will be for high school students and will take place between 9:30 am 11:30 am. The motivational speaker is Mr. Herman Cain who is the Chairman of Godfather's Pizza, Inc., after serving as CEO and President of the company for 10 years. He is also the founder and CEO of T.H.E. Inc., a leadership consulting company. He was named one of Ebony Magazines 100 Most Influential Black Americans in 1997 and 1999. He serves on the Board of Directors of several major corporations such as Whirlpool, Readers Digest, Hallmark Cards and the Morehouse School of Medicine. His former employment includes the Department of the Navy, Coco-Cola, Pillsbury Company Vice President and Burger King Corporation Vice President. The commission is currently seeking financial sponsors for this event.